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In re Application of: Webster

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For: Polyolefin Articles With Long Term Elevated Temperature Stability

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2003, please enter the following election.

The Examiner has entered a restriction requirement grouping the claims as follows:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a heat stabilizer, classified in class 252, subclass 301+.
- II. Claims 11-16, drawn to a polyolefin composition, classified in class 524, subclass 89+.
- IV. (sic) Claims 17-18, drawn to a dry-blended melt phase compounded polyolefin article, classified in class 524, subclass 89+.
- V. (sic) Claims 19-23, drawn to a method for increasing the long term heat aging stability of a polyolefin, classified in class 524, subclass 89+.

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IV. Claims 24-28, drawn to a method of increasing the long term heat aging stability for a polyolefin classified in class 524, subclass 89+.

VII. (sic) Claims 29-30, drawn to a masterbatch composition, classified in class 524, subclass 89+.

For prosecution in this Application, Applicant elects Group I, namely Claims 1-10, drawn to a heat stabilizer, classified in class 252, subclass 301+, without traverse.

The Office has stated that claim 1 is generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising components (A) through (D). The Office requires Applicant, under 35 USC § 121, to elect a single disclosed species.

Applicants elect the species wherein:

Component (A) = C.I. Sulfur Black 1

Component (B) = 1, 3, 5-tris (3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)-s - triazine-2,4,6(1H, 3H, 5H)-trione (GOOD-RITE 3114)

Component (C) = distearyl 3,3' -thiodipropionate (STDP)

Component (D)= butanedioic acid, polymer with 4-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1- piperidineethanol (TINUVIN 662)

Applicants reserve the right to consideration of additional species upon the allowance of a generic claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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